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To Jim Alcock
From Harold Weisberg
Subject: 5 USC 522

I am doing some work in some of the Commission executive sessions of which I have copies. At several interesting points pages are removed. Up to the point I have reached, this has happened three times, each with this explanation inserted:

"Pages 23-32 of this transcript are withheld from research under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552. These pages relate to the employment of personnel by the Commission."

First, may I have a copy of what is cited, if you have it?

Second, can you give me an opinion as to whether it is a proper invocation of the decision?

In a long series of letters, I am working on establishing suppression, in proving favored "leaks" in violation of regulations and prior commitments, etc. I want to be satisfied, in this case, if the cited authority permits the suppression. From this point I can go elsewhere.

Offhand, I can seeno good reason for the suppression of the Commission deliberations on the employment of its counsel. I think it was done to prevent embarrassment. In one case, I have established this was done to prevent embarrassing Liebeler.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg